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Planning Board Upholds Scenic Road Act

On July 7 the Planning Board and Tree Warden conducted combined Scenic Roads Act and Tree hearings concerning the proposed reconstruction project for Wickett Pond and Plain roads, which would improve drainage and access for emergency vehicles, and make minor realignment and line of sight improvements at intersections. (The roads would not be paved.)

The project involves funding from the Mass. Small Cities Program.

Since Wendell voted to designate all of its roads as scenic roadways, hearings must be held for any tree removal along roadways. This project proposes the removal of approx. 350-550 trees, widening of the roads, straightening slightly some curves and moving some utility poles, placing a geotextile fabric under a new gravel subbase and surface course; drainage improvements including construction of roadside swales, replacement of culverts, installation of deep-sump inlets, rip-rap outlets and sediment sumps at outlets, and routing of drainage.

Citizens spoke vehemently both for and against the project. The majority of Plain Road residents encouraged proceeding with the project to remedy the dangers and difficulties the road presents. Wickett Pond Rd. residents' opinions were mixed. The Selectboard recommended to the Tree Warden and Planning Board that Wendell proceed with the project.

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Anne Zak announces Resignation

It is with profound regret that I submit my resignation from the Selectboard of the Town of Wendell effective November Second, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-eight.

Almost without exception, my eight and a half years on the Board has been gratifying and a wondrous learning experience. I especially want to thank town officials who strive so hard to work cooperatively for the benefit of the Town. However, I cannot continue to struggle with citizens and officials who put their own interests before the welfare of the Town. And I am not willing to serve people who treat their fellow citizens with callous disregard and in the next breath spew rhetoric about "community".

I feel humbled to have had the honor to serve on the Board with Ted Lewis, Margo Culley and Christine Heard. I cannot express how deeply I respect all three of you. And I will remain forever astonished by the selfless volunteer efforts by so many citizens of the Town.

Shortly after I was elected, Charlie O'Dowd gave me a framed copy of The Athenian Oath. It reads:

> We will never bring disgrace to this our Town, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the Town, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the Town's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty, thus in all ways we will transmit this Town not only less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

This hung in my room from that day until this. I hope by sharing this, it may be an inspiration.

Anne Zak

Submitted to Anna Hartjens, Town Clerk on July 15,1998

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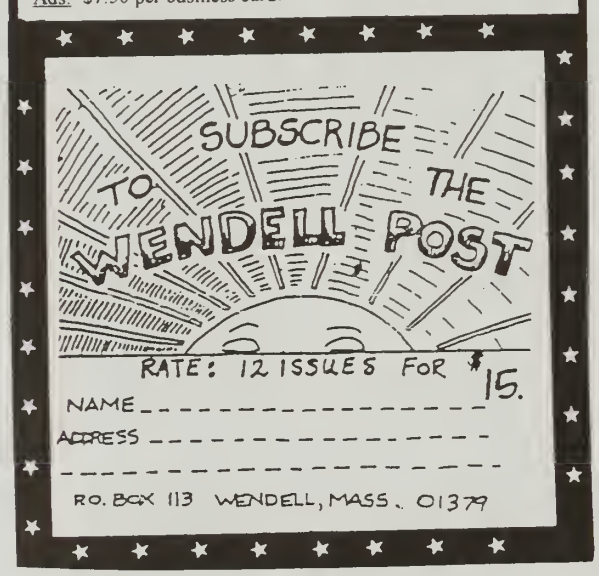

With Old Home Day coming up, we thought we'd take a look at old Posts and found an old Old Home Day graphic drawn by Joshua Jay Dostis from 1986!! for our 1998 cover.

Many thanks to Margie McGinnis and Kathy Swaim for preparing the Town Directory, and to SueAnne Delorey who worked on the Post for the first time this issue. SueAnne single-handedly laid out the directory.

SCENIC AND SAFE ROADS
To the Wendell Post:

This is an excerpt of a letter I sent the Selectboard re. the Plain and Wickett Pond Rds. project:

The Town is right to fix the problems and hazards on our roads, but we can't let grant money tempt us (myself included) to improve them to suburban standards of width, surface, side-clearance, speed, convenience, etc. Neither fears about liability nor protection of wetlands can require installing thoroughfares where modest dirt roads once ran. Intuition and experience tells us that's not more safe or ecological. Furthermore, I suggest that approach is not *us*, not Wendell.

Our town is poor but blessed. Its infrastructure reflects that. Under the current road boss, road commission and selectboard, our back roads show the genius of care for town investment at the same time as rare respect for nature. Too great success in obtaining generous grants, strange as it sounds, risks throwing off the Wendell balance, disturbing the town's remarkable integrity. In our travels, we've all encountered sections of roads that stood out as too broad or smart or engineered. We need to make sure none of Wendell's back roads--let alone all of them--become that. Town meeting adopted the Scenic Roads Act to keep nature predominant.

We don't need to turn away from grants entirely, in my opinion. We do need to tune every project to Wendell's character, and be appropriately wary of grant money's power--and sometimes virtual mandate--to tip a town's equilibrium.

Jonathan von Ranson

TO THE WENDELL POST:

Wendell is a beautiful town. There are many reasons for this, not the least being our cozy country roads. The tree cover offers shelter in the rain and wind, shade in the summer, and glorious color in the fall. The narrowness of our dirt roads encourages less frequent, and slower traffic, and a generally more leisurely life style. Certainly there are sacrifices, but let's not be blind to what our rewards are.

Millions of people leave their (civilized homes) each year, to see, smell, and touch all of the splendid things that we enjoy every day. Please, let's not start a trend (here in Wendell) of widening our roads, cutting magnificent trees, and plastering our landscape with steel, concrete and plastic.

What we sacrifice in convenience, we'll be rewarded tenfold in the glories of nature. Otherwise, some day, we'll be the ones packing our cars up each summer, to escape to a place where others weighed the consequences of "progress" and chose more carefully.

Wendell IS beautiful, let's keep it that way!

Jonathan Gundel

Dear Wendell Post,

In the discussion of the Plain and Wickett Pond Roads question, which has become both serious and divisive, one aspect has been largely overlooked, and that is the financial implication of scuttling a grant once it has been made.

I've been on the Wendell Finance Committee for over 10 years now, and have noticed along the way that Wendell is not a rich town. We have many of the financial and political cards stacked against us, including lack of a good tax base, high educational expenses, too much state forest (which does not pay taxes,) and a very high tax rate, among the highest in the state.

Add to this a growing population, which is generating greater vehicular traffic, which places a heavier burden on our highways, and we have the possibility of the collapse of either the financial or highway system.

That's why Wendell needs all the help it can get with its roads, including the state and federal help we have been depending on for years. This grant money is not a gift, or some sort of bribe to hold us to the specifications or "strings" required by the state or feds. These are simply a few of our own tax dollars that we send out of town, coming back, as they should, to help the town.

In the case of Plain and Wickett Pond roads, the town received a major federal grant from HUD, called a Community Development Block Grant, to pay for the engineering and repair of these roads. These roads need to be repaired to sustain our use of them, and to enable the Highway Department to keep them in shape.

However, some citizens raised serious concerns about the plan, largely relating to the cutting of several hundred trees alongside the road. These concerns were apparently raised after the engineering plan was complete, so additional engineering was required. The additional engineering cost about $10,000.

Unfortunately, the length of the hearing process threatened the grant, which had a time limit. Also, since at one point it looked as if the entire plan might be rejected by Wendell, the local arm of HUD is now requiring the town to pay the costs of engineering before we apply for a grant.

But the town does not have the money to pay for expensive engineering, sometimes amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars. The total cost of the Plain and Wickett Pond Roads engineering so far has been about $50,000.

A further danger adds to the seriousness of this process. If Wendell were to scuttle a project such as this after the grant had been made, that action would be officially noted by the granting agency as "failure to perform." This notation goes on our record, making us significantly less likely to receive grants in the future.

I, along with most Wendell citizens, deeply appreciate scenic values, and trees. But I don't think this debate is really about trees or cutting them. It's about how these opinions and concerns can be integrated into the planning process., without damaging the town's finances, or the respect we have for each other.

I think that all important concerns in this debate could have been addressed in a way that did not threaten the grant or Wendell's future grants. Citizens with concerns would need to go to the regular meetings of the town boards who regulate these projects--in this case the Highway Commission, the Selectboard and the Planning Board. Citizens need to trust the public servants whom they have elected to protect their interests, and give their input and opinion early in the grant writing process. And at some point, we need to be ready to compromise certain values to gain others--in this case some wonderful trees may have to be cut to build a sensible road that can be maintained.

Now is an important time to think about how we can work together for the common good.

Sincerely, Dan Keller

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Since the Good Neighbors food pantry at the Wendell Senior Center ended, two families have kept the effort going by picking up surplus food from Bread & Circus and Foster's and by distributing this food to people in Wendell who can use it. In order to get the surplus food, these families have had to make the steady commitment of picking up food *every* week. They would like to continue this effort, but they need help and likely more families in Wendell need the help they are providing. Good Neighbors is currently serving 20–24 families in Wendell and we estimate the need to be double that.

A lot can be accomplished with a very little bit of effort and commitment. Please consider helping.

- **Consider making a commitment of time** to go to Foster's on a Saturday *or* to Bread & Circus on a Sunday. Call Laura Doughty, 544-5450 or Karen Wilder, 544-0939 if you are willing to be added to a list of drivers we can call on from time to time. Good Neighbors can reimburse you for your gas and time.
- **Consider pledging a monthly amount of money.** As well as holding periodic fund raisers, we would like to have interested and able members of the community pledge a monthly amount of money to support this project. Funds will be used to reimburse drivers for gas (if they want it) and to reimburse costs incurred in storing and distributing food and getting new sources of food. If you would like to be a "Good Neighbor," please consider pledging some amount of money to help feed families in Wendell. You can pledge as little as $2.00 per month or as much as you would like. By having pledges (and having people make good on their pledges), we will be able to project in advance how much we can do. If you are interested, call Laura Doughty, 544-5450.
- **If you need help:** If you can use some free, extra food, there is no paperwork to fill out, no eligibility requirements, and no explanations needed. We hope to maintain confidentiality as best as possible. We are trying to establish regular food drop offs every Sunday. Call Rosalie Rosser if you would like to have food delivered, 544-6850.
- **A few angels needed:** We desperately need 3 or 4 people who are willing to distribute food on Sunday afternoons. We can reimburse for gas and time if needed or desired. We need sensitive people who can respect confidentiality. It would be ideal if no one had to make a distribution more than once per month. Call Laura, 544-5450 if you're interested.
- **If you want to make a one-time donation,** checks can be made payable to "Good Neighbors" and mailed to Laura Doughty, 230 New Salem Road, Wendell, MA 01379.

Planning Board Upholds

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Citizens' main objections to the project centered around the large number of trees to be cut (some of which are quite large hardwoods), and the widening which would change the scenic nature of the roads, and increase traffic volume and speed.

A constant underlying concern was the belated timing of the Tree Hearing in relation to the progress of the project. The engineer's blueprints were already completed before the Planning Board's role in the permitting process was activated.

If the project were scrapped, the Town would be liable for the approx. $55,000 already expended on engineer's fees and other costs (which would otherwise be covered by the grant).

The Planning Board's unanimous recommendation to the Selectboard, with the Tree Warden abstaining, was:

> To deny the plan as drawn and to recommend that the proponents redesign the proposal to minimize the impact to the scenic nature of the roads, by reducing drastically the cutting of trees along the roadway, reducing and modifying the swales, reducing the width of the roadway to 16', and anything necessary such as moving the center line of the roadway or to include innovative technologies to accomplish it.

The Engineer requested, if the revisions are to be made, that a committee made up of members of local boards help her draft a plan which would better comply with the Scenic Roads Act.

The next step in the process is for the Selectboard to determine how and whether to proceed in view of the Planning Board's recommendation. If revised blueprints are drawn up, a second Scenic Roads Act and Tree hearing will take place to consider the revisions, and the Selectboard will again make a determination how and whether to proceed thereafter.

Gloria Kegeles

Town Hall Septic Inquiry Starting

How to dispose of Town Hall wastewater is open for discussion now that the old, failed septic system has been removed and the future system awaits decision. For the time being, waste from sinks and toilets goes to a tight tank, from which a septage hauler pumps it for a cost of $300-400 each time. The tank has been pumped twice since it was installed late last year as a temporary measure.

Other public buildings in the center of town--the police station and library--have no plumbing and no septic system. The same is true for the meeting house. Though it is owned by the Congregational Church, its future may officially involve the Town. The town offices (at the former Center School) are served by a regular tank and leach field, but the system is old, located in poor soil conditions, and its life expectancy is not long, according to the select-board.

Selectboard member Anne Zak convened the new Town Hall Septic Committee July 15 for its first meeting. The newest selectboard member, Christine Heard, was present and will chair future meetings. Board of Health Chairman Bob Leet, Sharon Gensler, and Jonathan von Ranson were also present. Absent from the meeting but on the committee are Rosie Heidkamp and Jim Slavas.

There are basically two questions facing the committee: should facilities in the center of Town be separate or combined? and what type or types of wastewater technology are best?

Anne made it clear the selectboard is open to alternative systems if they meet the needs of the town and gain the approval of the state health department. She also said the question of a sewer district would be considered--for municipal buildings only, or for residences as well if mutual benefits could be found. Wendell Center is known for its high water table despite being on top of a hill.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 27 at 7 p.m. Interested citizens are invited to attend. JVR

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It takes only one other times.
My thanks to those who take the time to lend those hands.

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  - Jon Ketchum, DPM, podiatric medicine and surgery
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  - Daniel Ervin, DO, otolaryngology (ears-nose-throat)
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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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Wendell Selectboard Meeting March 17, 1998 Members present were Ted Lewis, Anne Zak, and Margo Culley. Also present was Marjorie Mc Ginnis, Town Coordinator and Wanita Sears. Warrant was signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 6:00.

Carolyn Manley, Town Treasurer discussed with Board unclearness in personnel policy, benefits, and wage scale for full time Town employees. Board will look into these questions.

Board reviewed draft letter to DEP regarding 401 Water Quality Certification violation and suggested changes.

Discussion of safekeeping of bonds for Town financial positions.

Board agreed to send photos of Town Hall to a Pennsylvania station looking for a setting for a documentary film.

Letter received from Marsh family in reference to Town Common Project.

Board reviewed contract from DEP for Town Common Project.

Funding announcement received for next Historical Landscape Project Grants.

Heather Lenz requested funding help from Board for the Keeping Track program. Keeping Track from Richmond VT. is a non profit that utilizes and trains town volunteers to set up transects to observe carnivores in the area with yearly updating. Board told Ms. Lenz that funding would have to be approved through Annual Town Meeting and suggested private donations.

Jim Toth, Franklin Regional Council of Governments discussed fee for service programs with the Board and made suggestions for budgeting projections.

Notice received from Mass Highway for Davis Road Bridge Hearing.

Annie Diemand notified Board teen boxing classes will begin in April on Thursday evenings in the Town Hall. Construction will begin for the the basketball court at the Town Offices Park as soon as weather breaks.

Bruce Hunter, Franklin Regional Housing Authority reviewed Community Block Grant funding of 3 Wendell housing rehab units, Plain and Wickett Pond Roads repair, and economic development funding through the Franklin County CDC.

Shirley White and Planning Board discussed Public Hearing on April 7, 1998 for closed article regulating overlay district for wireless communication towers.

Town Common Rerstoration Public Hearing will be March 31, 1998 at 8:00. Town Common Committee Meeting will be April 1, 1998.

Allan Walsh has resigned from the Planning Board.

Phil Delorey, School Committee and Building Inspector discussed Swift River School Improvement Plan. Discussion of unregistered vehicle notifications and camping in violation of Town bylaw followed.

Board reviewed various grant fundings available.

Invitation received for workshop sponsored by Franklin County Solid Waste District.

Invitation received for Franklin County Selectman's quarterly meeting.

Invitation received for Franklin County Council of Government's public health leadership banquet.

Discussion of open Animal Inspector position.

Discussion of cover design for Annual Town Report.

Letter of resignation received from Judith Wilder, Tax Collector effective March 31, 1998.

Discussion of Wendell Depot Road Culvert Project.

Letter received from Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding Sweetser House.

Request received from Millers River CDC to participate in their regional employment project. Meeting adjourned at 10:15

Wendell Selectboard Meeting March 31,1998 Minutes Members present were Anne Zak and Margo Culley. Also present was Margie Mc Ginnis, Town Coordinator and Wanita Sears. Warrant was signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 6.45.

Mark Ceria of Laurel Lane Trailer Park demonstrated reaction of his water supply to boiling to Board. He reviewed process he has taken in resolving problem. Board referred Mr. Ceria to Board of Health.

Board signed Warwick documentation for Community Block Grant.

Discussion of Class II and Class III license applications received from Mike Wing.Board will request plot and business plans.

Board will meet April 7, 1998 at 7:00 for Personnel Policy clarifications.

Discussion of letter received from resigned Tax Collector Judith Wilder, meeting with Town Counsel, John Gates on April 3,1998, and Tax Collector's Annual Report.

Board reviewed resumes for Tax Collector and will set up interviews.

Discussion of cover photo for Annual Town Report.

Discussion of unregistered vehicle notifications.

Felton Construction awarded bid for basketball court in Town Offices Park for $12,552.

Board reviewed FY 1998 Community Wide Needs Indicators from Department of Housing and Community Development.

A School Committee member from Wendell and New Salem will be trained by Town Accountants to review warrants in solution of the Swift River oversight issue.

Letter from Representative Kulik is hopeful of waiver in the 401 Water Quality Certification situation.

Discussion of recent septic tank repair loan.

Discussion of utilizing the notification of Franklin County House of Correction inmate labor for cemetary loaming.

Notice received from New England Power of upcoming vegetation management treatments.

Letter received from Mahar Regional High School regarding budget.

Notice received of Franklin County Regional Council of Governments Rivers Protection Act workshop.

Town Common Project Public Hearing held at 8:00. Meeting recessed at 8:00 until April 7, 1998 at 6:30 for Personnel Policy Review Meeting.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting April 14,1998 Minutes Members present were Ted Lewis, Margo Culley, and Anne Zak. also present was Marjorie Mc Ginnis, Town Coordinator. Warrant was signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Discussion of Full Moon Coffeehouse rental amounts for last winter and upcoming Spring. Lisa Hoag paid fees for for Sept 1997 through April 1998.

Discussion of Franklin County Council of Governments' services and assessments for FY 1999 with Joe Coll.

Board signed hearing announcements for Wing License Class II application. Notice will be sent to abutters and posted in town.

Discussion with Jean Forward concerning Sweetser House grant application. Concerns about land to put the house on and about funding for endowment were addressed.

Discussion of legal services money situation.

Reviewed letter from PZ Massamont regarding Treasurer's bond.

Board reviewed letter from DEP regarding landfill.

Set dates of 6/2/98, 6/3/98, and 6/4/98 for Annual Town Meeting.

Board signed unregistered vehicles letter. Copies to start being sent out, copies also to go to ed Chase for enforcement.

Pole Hearing date set for May 12,1998.

Letter received from Dale Kowacki regarding Swift River Construction Audit meeting. Board to meet with him, the Finance Committee, and the same from New Salem on April 28,1998 at 7:30 PM.

Letter reviewed from Traveler's Insurance.

Loan paperwork for Treasurer was signed.

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Letter reviewed from Mass. Executive Office of Environmental Affairs regarding recycling.

Letter reviewed from Franklin/Hampshire Employment and Training Consortium regarding summer employment.

Letter reviewed from Franklin County Solid Waste Management District regarding future trash options.

Reviewed bulletin from DOR concerning tax rate setting.

Discussion with the Finance Committee concerning Tax Collector salary to be offered.

Penny Delorey attended and accepted Tax Collector position. Final papers will be signed at a later date.

Reviewed entry form for award of achievement in toxics use reduction

Reviewed Swift River School warrants.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20

Respectfully Submitted,
Marjorie Mc Ginnis
Town Coordinator

Wendell Selectboard Meeting April 21,1998 Minutes Members present were Ted Lewis, Anne Zak, and Margo Culley. Also present was Margie Mc Ginnis, Town Coordinator and Wanita Sears. Meeting convened at 6:30.

Board met with Carolyn Manley, Town Treasurer Danny Bacigalupo, Highway Road Manager and Harry Williston, Highway Commissioner for review and revision of personnel policy for full time Town employees.

Feasiblity for Department of Public Works addition to Annual Town Meeting Warrant was suggested by Anne Zak.

Board granted Rosemary Sheola use of Town Hall for May 1,1998 May Day Dance and Maypole on the Common at 12:00 May 2,1998.

Meeting recessed until Thursday April 30,1998 for a Special Selectboard Meeting Tax Collector interviews.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting April 28,1998 Minutes Members present were Ted Lewis, Anne Zak, and Margo Culley. Also present was Marjorie Mc Ginnis, Town Coordinator and Wanita Sears. Warrant and minutes were signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Annual Town Meeting will be held June 2,1998 at 7:00 in the Town Hall.

Nina Keller revolunteered and was appointed by Board as Hazardous Waste Coordinator. Her volunteer services were offered to aid the Selectboard also. Concerns were expressed to Board on D&B Landfill's expedient shutdown process. Meeting will be held with all involved parties to coordinate efforts.

Chris Marano notified Board that there will be a performance, rehearsal, and workshop involved with the next Full Moon Coffeehouse that would require use of Town Hall earlier in that day.

Robert Heller was given use of Town Hall for New Moon teen dances.

A fond farewell with cake and gifts was given to Margo Culley on her last Selectboard Meeting before election.

Board met with Dale Kowacki, New Salem Town Accountant, New Salem Selectboard members, and Finance Committee members on Swift River Audit. Discussion was to determine and agree on formula calculation for SBAB interest of Wendell and New Salem reimbursements. Wendell Selectboard moved and voted unanimously to agree to use the original New Salem-Wendell formula for Swift River School in it's original content and intent. Exclude short term interest. Exclude on ime payments for Wendell for $41,533 and New Salem for $32,560 for calculation of reimbursement. The New Salem Selectboard will discuss at next meeting.

Memos reviewed from Town Treasurer in reference to Swift River School finances.

Letter received of 401 Water Certification fine reduction.

Letter received from Representative Steve Kulik on regional school transportation costs.

MMA action alert received on school aid cuts and action to be taken.

Letter received from Massachusetts Historic Commission regarding Town Common project.

Call received from insurance company regarding an accident.

Mark Ceria and Nancy Spittle, Board of Health discussed with Board action that has been and will be taken in water quality problem Mr. Ceria has at Laurel Trailer Park.

Town Election is May 4,1998. Board will meet on May 5,1998 at 6:30 to welcome new Board member. Meeting adjourned at 10:00

Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 5,1998 Minutes Members present were Ted Lewis, Anne Zak, and Christine Heard. Also present was Wanita Sears. Minutes were signed. Meeting convened at 6:30.

Board welcomed Christine Heard as new Selectboard member. Board gave Ms. Heard materials that will be helpful in her role and discussed current projects.

Ted Lewis was elected as Selectboard Chairperson and Wanita Sears appointed as Selectboard Clerk.

Ted Lewis signed MMA bulletin.

Harry Williston, Road Commission and Danny Bacigalupo, Road Crew Manager discussed Town Common Project work. Town Common Project Improvement Committee Meeting will be Thursday May 7, 1998. Audubon will be contacted for Town Common bench donation.

A working meeting will be held on May 19,1998 with D&B, Selectboard, Hazardous Waste, DEP,and Board of Health to put in place closure of D&B Landfill for June 1999.

Board of Health has requested in its reduction to a three member Board that overseeing and administration of WRAT's be done by the Highway Department. John Gates, Town Counsel has ok'd transfer of WRATS to Highway Department effective July 1,1998.

Plain and Wickett Pond Roads will be closed on May 6,1998 for test borings.

Anne Diemand discussed teen boxing waivers with Board. May 16, 1998 will be men's self defense and women's self defense on May 17,1998. Excavating will begin this week for basketball court at Town Offices Playground with Highway Department work following.

Representative Steve Kulik,Board, and Finance Committees will meet on short and long term school budgeting amid dropping evaluations and tax rates pushed up due to lost equity aid, ed reform reductions.

Public Hearing will be held on May 19,1998 at 8:00 for Michael Wing's license application for Class II.

Discussion of ballot question for next May Town Election to appoint rather than elect a Tax Collector as it is late to add to Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Discussion of Town Hall repairs. Exterior paint, hang artwork, stagework, kitchen floor and electric stove, and mop sink in men's room.

Town Hall Wastewater Planning Committee will be formed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 12,1998 Minutes Members present were Ted Lewis,Anne Zak, and Christine Heard. Also present was Marjorie Mc Ginnis and Wanita Sears. Warrant was signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Board signed support letter and application for second part of the Town Common Grant.

A more secure lock is needed on back door by bathroom at Town Offices.

An energy saver rebate from Mass Elertric is available for new lighting in Senior Center.

Anne Diemand will be asked to organize a pre Annual Town Meeting at the Senior Center at 8:00 on May 26, 1998.

Meeting set with Bruce Hunter, Franklin Regional Housing Authority for May 19, 1998 at 7:00 to discuss upcoming CDBG Grant.

Tree Public Hearing for pine on Town Common will be at 7:30, May 19, 1998 and Mike Wing License Public Hearing at 8:00. May 19,1998.

Leigh Youngblood, Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust attended to notify Board of intent to sell Chapter 61 land on Wickett Pond. Board exercised right to waive first refusal and will send letter. Ms. Youngblood discussed with Board sale of 3 lots for homes with remaining back wetland areas conserved.

Board signed for Pole Hearing held at 7:30 for Wickett Pond Road new home service.Ms. Youngblood will go to area with George Boyle, Bell Atlantic to look at planning.

Wanita Sears, Selectboard Clerk was asked at Police Department's request to notify them for coverage of any teen event as well as any event of over 50 people.

Matching dollars needed for Town Common Grant are $17,850, 34% of the $52,550. Highway Commission will be asked for availability from Highway Department Town Common work.

Discussion of Dale Kowacki, New Salem Town Accountant's information on Swift River Construction Loan.

Board reviewed levy limit worksheet received from DOR.

Board reviewed legislative action regarding community tree planting funds.

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Wendell Directory

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Administrative Coordinator
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Marion Herrick, Clerk 544-6373
Mary McBride 544-3925
Jean Dwight 544-3395
Assistant to the Assessors, Thursdays 2-4

B

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Jonathan von Ranson 544-3758
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Bob Bowers, Deputy Chief 544-2082

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Bob Bowers
Anne Diemand
Ted Lewis
Everett Ricketts

G

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Elizabeth Sculley 544-3142
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vacancy

Health Agent Inspector
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Morgan Mead 544-8020
Jane Stone 544-3954

Highway Department 544-3735
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Jerry Eide 544-7864
Jean Forward 544-7502

M

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Kathy Becker 544-2086

N

NELCWIT 1-413-772-0806

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Shawn Conway
Ken Holmberg 544-2706
Shirley White 544-8457

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Station 544-5229

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Anne Diemand
Tom Hebert
Christopher Maselli
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Judith Wilder 544-2773

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Ted Lewis 544-3329
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Wanita Sears, Clerk 544-7198

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Jonothan von Ranson 544-3758

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Ken Holmberg 544-2706
Ina LeVangie 544-3414

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Anna Hartjens, Clerk 544-6052
Belinda Parson 544-2066

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Beth O'Connell 544-8860
Faith Pederzini 544-2076
Mahar
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Jean Forward 544-7502
Franklin County Tech
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Sunday 9am-8pm)

Wendell Depot Store
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Saturday 7-11am)

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Wendell Post
Kathy Becker 544-2086
Anne Diemand 544-6111

Wendell Post Office
Wendell Center
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Saturday 8-12)
Wendell Depot
Anna Hartjens, Postmaster 544-6682
(Hours: Monday-Friday 7-11, 1-5
Saturday 7-11)

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544-RATS or 544-7287
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Board will ask Bruce Hunter Franklin Regional Housing Authority of guidelines for loan funding for first time home buyers.

Board referred Violence Protection Grant training to Community Policing Committee.

Ted Lewis will attend Mahar Regional School Memorial Day Program at 1:15 on Friday May 21,1998.

Letter received from Governor Celluci introducing new Deputy Director of the Western Mass office.

Penny Delorey, Tax Collector and Carolyn Manley, Treasurer will attend DOR financial officer's training on June 5,1998.

Board reviewed Swift River warrant and financial reports.

Discussion of memo items received from Town Treasurer and unemployment line item.

Union 28 will be paying all bills now as one check then breaking down to individual school use.

Meeting will be held with Finance Committee, Representative Steve Kulik. and Boardto discuss tax rate and State funds. Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 19,1998 Minutes Members present were Ted Lewis. Anne Zak, and Christine Heard. Also was Marjorie Mc Ginnis, Town Coordinator and Wanita Sears. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Bruce Hunter, Franklin Regional Housing Authority discussed with Board upcoming Community Block Grant. Surveys returned gave Wendell a 56% low to moderate income level boosting our need level. Mr. Hunter focused on availability of funds for Senior Center renovation, roads, housing rehabilitation, and economic development.

Tree Hearing held for pine on Town Common's removal for Town Common revitilization. Pine will be cut and made into a bench.

Michael Wing Public Hearing held for Class II auto license application. Recommendations heard from neighbors on fencing of property. Board will meet at a later date to determine restrictions of license and number of vehicles allowed on premises at any time.

Board reviewed Annual Town Meeting drafts.

Memorial Day observances will be at 1:00 Monday May 25,1998. Meeting adjourned at 9:45

Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 26,1998 Minutes Members present were Ted Lewis, Anne Zak, and Christine Heard. Also present was Marjorie Mc Ginnis, Town Coordinator and Wanita Sears. Warrant and minutes were signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Mark Ceria attended to bring Board up to date on his water problem. Mr. Ceria asked for Board's and Board of Health's cooperation with water, septic, and a dump found. DEP has tilming and water testing.

Letter received from Nina Keller requesting Board's support of Hilltown Anti Herbicide Coalition's position to not allow State roadside spraying. Board requested to find if Wendell were to be affected.

Discussion of Annual Town Report cover color.

Board signed letter to Senator Stanley Rosenberg supporting Community Tree Planting programs.

Board signed letter in support of Route 2 changes to be completed in 7 years instead of 10.

Christine Heard will attend Franklin County Selectman's Association quarterly meeting on June 4,1998 focusing on Rte. 2.

Letter received from Senator Rosenberg of his support for full PILOT and school funding.

Ted Lewis will attend MEPA Meeting on tree cutting issues for Plain and Wickett Pond Roads on June 3,1998.

Actions discussed for Jennison Road DEP late notice regarding 401 Water Quality.

Board authorized all Everett Ricketts, Fire Chief's requests by letter. Ham radio operator communication testing, structure building for generator, and fire escape and door from squad room.

Pole Hearing for Locke Hill and Old Stage Road will be June 23, 1998.

Joe Coll will be asked if he would like to continue as Representative to Franklin County Council of Governments.

Audit reviewed from Franklin County Regional Housing Authority.

Emma Cappaluzzo requested Board's assistance in property line and zoning issues regarding Citano residence. Board will investigate with Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Building Inspector.

Bruce Hunter. Franklin Regional Housing Authority attended for Board's signature and to discuss upcoming CDBG Grant options further for infrastructure, Senior Center, housing rehab, and economic development. Faith Lally Williams from Franklin County CDC will meet with the business group and work one on one with town small business people under their administering of economic development portion.

Invitation received to workshop on electric utility deregulation.

Letter received that Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program's plans to move their services into Franklin County Regional Council Of Governments.

MMA Action Request referred to Danny Bacigalupo for response on quality of highway work completed by from Dept. of Telecommunications and Energy.

Swift River Warrants reviewed by Board.
Meeting recessed at 9:45 until June 2,1998 at 7:00 for Michael Wing Class II License Hearing.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 2,1998 Minutes Members present were Ted Lewis. Anne Zak, and Christine Heard. Also present was Wanita Sears. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Public Hearing held for Michael Wing Class II license application. Discussion was moderated by Ted Lewis, Selectboard Chair between abutters, Mr. Wing, and Board. Suggestions were made on fencing of area and number of vehicles to be present at any time. Questions were clarified of nature of business for classification. Board will meet at a later date to determine vehicle limit and restrictions on license. Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Wendell Selectboard Meeting June 9,1998 Minutes Members present were Ted Lewis, Anne Zak, and Christine Heard. Also present was Marjorie Mc Ginnis, Town Coordinator and Wanita Sears. Warrant was signed. Correspondence was reviewed. Meeting convened at 7.00

Christine Heard discussed her meeting with Michael Wing on his Class II license. Fencing requirements were agreeable but he requested 10 vehicle increase on Board's limit of 15. Board will deny Class II license in writing as Mr. Wing's business description is more applicable to Class III

Anne Zak informed Board of meeting on July 10,1998 at 10 AM for D&B closing.

Paul Rich received Class IV license application and advised Board of dogs barking. Board will hold future Public Hearings.

Board signed Town Hall rental for Bob Rosser for a Angie Ferris Pilgrimage to Africa Benefit.

Board signed Town Hall rental for Robert Heller for New Moon Teen Dance.

Board signed Town Hall rental for Anne Marie Meltzer's Open Belly Dance

Anne Zak will attend Mahar School Council Meeting on June 10,1998.

Christine Heard will attend Town Common Meeting on June 10,1998.

George Boyle, Bell Atlantic advised Board of a pole location change on Wickett Pond Rd. Mr. Boyle will get back to Board specifics

Public Hearing will be held July 7,1998 at 7:30 to introduce grant projects for summer'99 CBGB Grant.

Board met with Phil Delorey, Building Inspector for discussion in follow up to Emma Cappaluzzo's requests on Frank Citano property.

Board signed letter to choose alternatives where feasible in State highway herbicide use.

Ted Lewis advised Board a representative to Franklin County Technical School is needed.

Board signed letter requesting attendance records of Town department and committee meetings.

Discussion of Municipal Incentive Grant application filed for economic development.

Bulletin received from DOR regarding proposed 1998 equalized valuations.

Invitation received to Franklin County Home Care Corp. chicken barbeque.

Marjorie Mc Ginnis will attend Selectman's Conference in Sturbridge.

Michael Wing requested minutes from Class III Hearing in '87.

Letter to be sent to Police of Annual Town Meeting decision to remove '85 cruiser from service.

Recycling Committee will be appointed for WRATS support.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30.
Respectfully Submitted,
Wanita Sears
Selectboard Clerk

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS Posting Place

On June 2, 1998 Sienna Sophia Diemand She was born to Kelly Burek Kaltner and Christopher Joseph Diemand. She weighed in at 10lbs 3oz at the Franklin Medical Center. Grand parents are Joe Diemand of Wendell, Carroll Diemand of Connecticut, Jacliquine Beaubien of Turners Falls, and Henry Burek. Great grandparents include Clara Zabko and Al and Elsie Diemand. Sienna joined the ranks of the Diemand clan as the sixth great grandchild.

A daughter, Freyja, was born to Iris Evernow and Craig Townsend at Franklin Medical Center on June 8 at 2:14 a.m. Weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. She is the granddaughter of Patricia Miller of Lake Pleasant, Perry Howarth of Wendell, Joyce Townsend of Maynard and Richard Townsend of Concord. She is the niece and sister of many.

We would like to send a sincere note of thanks to all the faeries and elves and gnomes who have helped us in their special ways. Our daughter is a miracle and we are truly thankful that she will grow up surrounded by such a wonderful community. Walk in peace and be well.

Iris and Craig

Leticia and Malcolm Braverman proudly announce the birth of Aidan Jamal Braverman, born on June 11 at 6 lbs. 3½ oz. and 20" long.

Thanks to all of you in this wonderful community.

Matthew and Tracey (Kirkwood) Chase of Morse Village Road proudly announce the birth of Kaitlynn Elizabeth Chase, born on June 30 at Franklin Medical Center, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz.

She is the granddaughter of Bob and Karen Kirkwood or Orange, and Ed and Mandy Chase of New Salem Road, Wendell. This is Ed and Mandy's third grandchild.

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MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Wendell Post proudly announces the marriage of two of its staff members, Beth McConnell and Stephen Broll, on July 11, 1998. Post staffer Jonathan von Ranson became a Justice of the Peace so that he could officiate.

Many Wendell folks, friends and family enjoyed the beautiful outdoor wedding at Beth and Stephen's home on a beautiful day.

CIRCUS THEATER WORKSHOP

(Ages 10-13) Instructor:
Chris Yerlig
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August 10-14
9:30 - 12:30 Wendell Town Hall

August 15 - class performance at Wendell Old Home Day

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SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AT WENDELL FREE LIBRARY

All programs are free and will be held rain or shine. Call Library at 544-3559 for additional info.

CAMPFIRE ON COMMON WITH SALLY ALLEY MUFFIN STUFFIN. Wed. July 29
8:00 - 9:30 p.m. (Come one, come all)

Campfire complete with sing-along, skits, roasted marshmallows and star-gazing. Kids, plan ahead with friends or parents to present a skit or story. (Let Rosie know if you are planning something.) We'll need lots of adult involvement at this event. Please have your kids leave their bicycles at home. (Rain location for sing-along at Wendell Town Hall.)

CREATIVE MOVEMENT WITH JEN WHITCOMB.
Tues. Aug. 4, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
(Target age 4-8/everyone welcome)

Join Jen as she leads kids through fun yoga warm-ups, movement games and captivating story dramatizations set to music. Program will be followed by snacks.

WHEELSTERS WITH CHRIS WINGS.
Wed. Aug. 19, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
(Target age 8-13. Sign up.
Limited to 15 kids.)

Join Chris as she helps kids build fun gizmos & moving machines. Bring paper towel & toilet paper rolls, little boxes, empty soda cans etc. We provide the glue, scissors & tiny motors. Help from parents appreciated.

WENDELL'S NEW FULL BASKETBALL COURT IN FULL SWING !!

Wendell's new full-size b-ball court is getting plenty of use by teen-agers and adults as well. It's centrally located at the Town Offices/playground.

Caught on polaroid during Wendell Post layout, pictured above, are: Hal Flynn, Joel Silver, Art Torres, Allen Hanson, Bret Holloway, Ralph Kohler and Yusef Lateef.

WENDELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Wendell Community Council held its last meeting before the summer break on June 1st.

The Council is working with the Good Neighbors food distribution to bolster the system. Good Neighbors needs volunteers to help with food pick-up, distribution and needs money donations. Please call Laura at 544-5450 if you can help,,even infrequently. (See the Good Neighbors article in this issue of the Post.)

The Council voted to give financial assistance to individuals with health issues, and groups such as Good Neighbors to help build their organizations.

A member of the Policing Committee reported on the progress concerning last fall's police helicopter fly-overs. The State Police and the District Attorney have been contacted concerning their roles with regard to conducting or authorizing the fly-overs. The DA's office did not authorize the flights, and said they would meet with the Policing Committee about this issue.

A cookout was held at Parker's on July 17 in lieu of a meeting, complete with a tour of his unusual solar house in process.

Council meetings are held the first Monday of the month (if it's a holiday, then the second Monday). The following dates are scheduled: Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4 and Feb. 1. Please join us.

Karen Fogliatti

Boxing Lessons

I am the founder of the Wendell Aikido Club. Because of my association with aikido, I took the boxing class offered at the town hall for five weeks this Spring. I took this boxing course to understand this offensive sport and because a number of my aikido students were also participating. In order to defend yourself against a specific type of attack, you need to learn the dynamics of that attack.

Aikido is a defensive martial art where the goal is to not harm an aggressor. In other words, we do not use techniques that meet violence with violence. I felt that this class could benefit my own training, which is so defensive in nature.

This class was in association with the Wendell/New Salem Community Policing Program.

The first four classes were great workouts, a mix of calisthenics and learning how to both protect yourself from a punch and how to deliver a punch. They were all taught by our enthusiastic instructor Bob Benoit from the Athol State Police and Sgt. Hope from the Braintree barracks. I believe Bob had to shift gears a bit when he realized that his class was predominantly women, making sure to use non-gender-specific terminology which made us gals feelincluded. At the first class when Bob had us line up and tell Sgt. Hope our names, age, height, and weight, I thought to myself, "You have got to be kidding, you don't ask women such questions." Being that Sgt. Hope was a police officer I told the truth: "I'm 5'8", just over thirty and 135ish."

Bob noted at the first class that the only way he could teach this course was in a military style. He would have us line up in "files" and shout our repetitions to his four-count, "Woone, two, three, four!" "One!" we would shout. I must confess, I would in a sing-songy manner shout out "one" in defiance to this military style. I was trying to keep my focus light and easy. The military style does not allow for vulnerability by either the instructor or the participants. How can you be in dialogue when you have to respect the chain of command. Regardless of the difference in styles between myself and Bob, I still really enjoyed the first four classes.

I guess my bubble popped when at the last class we drove out to Gardner and got to practice in a boxing ring with one of our classmates. I was in the first "fight", teamed up with someone whom I shouldn't have been with. She wanted to go full force, and I did not. Two aikidoists could stand forever waiting for the other to strike. When the first punch landed on my head and the second knocked my contact out, a deep sadness came over me as I had to fight by the boxing rules. Unfortunately, due to all the excitement at the gym, Bob never told us what rules we had to follow. Surrounding the ring were spectators from the gym encouraging each fighter to give their all.

Aikidoists train themselves to be very sensitive to touch. Our first lesson is learning to relax. This allows for the body to breathe normally and insures an adequate supply of oxygen to the brain. Without all this training we tend to react, with our emotions guiding us, instead of acting. In this case acting is defined as remaining calm and clear-headed and without animosity. As I fought back, I could feel my friend's body saying "oww!" It was an energetic response, that I don't think she was even aware of. Hitting into that energy goes against my moral code.

I will be the first to admit that if my lover, family, friend, or even stranger were in danger I would respond. I have over sixteen years of experience training mental health professionals, school systems, and corrections officers in crisis intervention techniques. But if there is no real danger to myself or others, I see no need to fight back.

In the middle of the fight I looked at my opponent, stopped and said, "I do not want to hit you." I wanted to move around the ring and slowly learn the essence of this sport. This was our first time sparring and it happened too quickly for me. She said, "Come on!" and around me the voices of encouragement agreed with her. I had already been told by Bob who was refereeing that I couldn't turn my back. I didn't know the rules of this sport and I was feeling very unsafe.

When the final bell rang, I bowed and walked off the ring, feeling my breathing increase as tears began to roll down my face. I wasn't hurt physically, but spiritually.

I wasn't mentally prepared to enter that fight. I saw openings to her face that others were taunting me to attack, and thought why do I want to hit her? Hitting hurts. Why during our first sparring did we have to go all out? What was the point?

This program was a great cardiovascular workout and provides an interesting avenue to meet people who have chosen to become police officers. I have found it ironic that in a community policing program we ended on a final note where citizens were fighting each other as the police refereed. There must be a deeper meaning to boxing, but this discussion and the rules of the ring never took place.

I think P.J. Diemand, who also participated in this class, summed it up best for me: "I like wrestling where you learn to restrain people and not pommel them."

The Aikido Club has seen a dramatic rise in membership by teens and young men this past Winter and Spring. I have found that they enjoy the aerobics nature of the class. But their hearts and minds really begin to flourish when, through the mentoring of senior students, they learn boundaries, respect, and reverence for each other. I believe this is what Benoit had in mind when he offered the boxing class, but such lessons cannot be learned in an accelerated course, they take time.

Ria Windcaller

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Wendell Rec. Comm.

The Wendell Recreation Committee is newly reorganized and will attempt to meet the recreational needs and challenges of the community for all ages, with an emphasis on teen activities.

The WRC will meet every 4th Thursday from 7-9:00 at the Senior Center and would like your input. "You have to come to be heard" is our motto.

We are sponsoring a circus theater workshop with Hoopoe the Clown Aug. 10-14, culminating with a performance at Old Home Day, Aug. 15; for kids age 10-13. See announcement and registration info in this Post. Chris Yerlig, aka Hoopoe, is a talented performer and teacher who has toured Europe, N. America and the Caribbean, working in circuses, hospitals and schools, delighting audiences with his clowning and mime since 1985. Don't miss his exciting workshop!

WRC will sponsor a bicycle clinic for all ages in the near future, addressing bike safety, maintenance and repair, BMX biking etc., with bike enthusiast and shop owner Bob Perry of Bicycles Unlimited in Greenfield. Look for the survey at our table at Old Home Day and around town to see what your bicycle-related interests are.

There has been a request by Wendell teens for a BMX track in town. We welcome your help and energy.

WRC has done a lot of work in the past few months to create a space and opportunities for teens, including the teen center. We are currently looking for input on whether teen video dances would be something the teenagers want in town. We received some grant money in the spring and put on two teen dances at the Town Hall, hiring local teen bands. The first was well-attended, the second showed no attendance at all.

We are requesting teen input once again--"You've got to come to be heard".

Another upcoming event will be a rock wall climbing course for teens.

WRC is sponsoring a raffle at Old Home Day, and is looking for local businesses to donate their goods. All proceeds will go toward scholarships for children in workshops and for the possible purchase of a portable ping-pong table for the teen center. (Donations also graciously accepted.) Also look for our jelly bean count jar at Old Home Day!

Rumor has it that there may be a dunking booth at Old Home Day (this year or next). If your business would like to sponsor a dunking booth for advertising, we need 15 local businesses to donate $25 each to break even, and to provide this unique activity.

A special thank you to Robert Heller of Deep Woods Software and new member of WRC, for all his dedication, great ideas and computer wizardry. The other WRC members are: Anne Diemand, Ina Peebles-Levangie, Kristen Barnard and Mez Ziemba.

To contact us, please call Mez at 544-7561 or write WRC, PO Box 212, Wendell 01379.

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Musing on Town Meeting

Meetings can be hard on the soul. Too many late nights and extended debate. But they can be otherwise and they are. This year's annual made people feel good.

Some people go to meetings instead of to parties--a strange mix of responsibility, pleasure, and unfolding personalities.

Political debate takes many forms: rudimentary, clarifying, convincing, comic, zealous, revealing, self-serving, dramatic, redundant, unfocused, lengthy, experienced, grateful...

Meetings accomplish business for our town. Officials work over time to be well prepared to give birth to the warrant: the work we must accomplish according to our fiscal realities and the philosophical determination of the town.

The moderator's job clarifies, keeps order, maintains respect, and assures us of parliamentary procedure.

Boards and committees prepare budgets and statements to justify and convince.

People ask for clarification. Some are embarrassed to publicize their ego. To some, questioning is not inhibiting. People seem to take clarification and their votes very seriously.

There is probably more confusion than we tend to admit, but there is also much clarity and meeting of the minds.

Sometimes the clearer the sides become, the more clouds in the solution for then we see the argument from both sides.

It is difficult to vote sanctions. No one wants to spend money so that taxes increase--no one wants their favored departments to do without.

The mind wanders to the simple, familiar decor of cold, metallic folding chairs, a wall hanging, the new floor and long-needed curtains,

old wood. Profiles, backs of heads, busy hands knitting, darning socks, sewing small objects. Sketching. An unfamiliar face, a sign of age and emotion. A stiff spine.

Despite the impersonal glare of fluorescent lights, the atmosphere is positive with progress and neighborly with common threads. We are in something important together for much longer than the three or more meetings.

A powerful voice is heard.

Nina Keller

Wendell Police Log

03-28-98 Shots fired, Wren Gould Rd.
03-29-98 Medical emergency, Lockes Village Rd.
03-31-98 Door open, Kentfield Rd.
04-12-98 Loud music, West Rd.
04-12-99 Missing person, Farley Rd.
04-13-98 Runaway, Stone Rd.
04-18-98 Officer wanted, New Salem Rd.
04-20-98 Alarm at Wendell Country Store.
04-21-98 Larceny, Farley Rd.
04-22-98 One car accident, driver injured Montague Rd.
04-24-98 911 hang up, Farley Rd.
04-25-98 Motor vehicle break in at the Wendell State Forest.
04-25-98 Report of white trans am trying to run people off the Rd., Montague & West Roads.
04-27-98 Vandalism at the Wendell State Forest.
04-27-98 Alarm, Jennison Rd.
04-30-98 Suspicious male, Kentfield Rd.
05-02-98 911 hang up, Locke Hill Rd.
05-04-98 Medical emergency, Montague Rd.
05-10-98 Disturbance – Loud radio, West Rd.
05-11-98 Two llama's trotting down Montague Rd.
05-13-98 Abandoned motor vehicle, Sears Rd.
05-16-98 Disturbance at the Wendell Country Store.
05-16-98 Medical emergency, Farley Rd.
05-22-98 Medical emergency, Mormon Hollow Rd.
05-24-98 Noise complaint, Farley Rd.
05-25-98 Trepass complaint, Old Farley Rd.
05-25-98 Abandoned motor vehicle, Mormon Hollow Rd.
05-29-98 Safety hazard, Mormon Hollow Rd.
05-31-98 Officer wanted, Lockes Village Rd.
06-23-98 Motor vehicle accident, no injuries. New Salem Rd.

These are the calls that came through our dispatch center in Shelburne Falls. Officers may receive calls that are not listed here.

Officer A. Diemand

THANK YOU FOR FAST RESPONSE

On May 22nd my husband, Al Diemand was taken ill with a stroke. 911 was called and the Wendell Fire Department was alerted. Within seven minutes Sarah de Roode arrived with oxygen and Everett Ricketts and others followed shortly after. I truly feel that the immediate response and care prevented the stroke from becoming more severe.

Thanks to them Al is back to normal now.

I wonder if the average Wendell person realizes how fortunate we are tohavé a team of workers like this.

My heartfelt thanks to each one of you.

Elsie Diemand

Conflicting Claims of Polluted Water

Mark Ceria of Mountain Laurel Trailer Park located off New Salem Road, claims the water from a dug well that serves his trailer, is making him very ill. In Dec. '97, he made what he believed was a connection between his declining health and the proximity of a dump discovered apx. 100' from his well. Mark is convinced the old dump is contaminated with hazardous materials because of what he remembers from a conversation with someone involved, because of what he had seen and was stopped from photographing, and from the nature of his water which when boiled, creates large bubbles which remain unbursting on the surface for hours.

Mark's beliefs are in sharp contrast with those of Bob Leet, chair of Wendell Bd. of Health. Bob believes that the water testing done at a reputable lab, and a joint investigation of the dump site by the Franklin Regional Health Agent, the state Dept. of Environmental Protection, and himself, puts his mind to rest about no presence of health threatening agents. The site was partially excavated and material was removed but not as toxic waste. Mark is convinced there remains more subsurface material that will continue to pollute the area in the woods near his home.

The owner(in absentia)of the property, Richard Boudreau, paid for the drilling of a new 440' artesian well which is currently under purity testing. When and if it passes testing, it will be connected to Mark's taps. Until that time, Mark is only drinking bottled water paid for by Boudreau. He is disturbed by what he feels are infringements of his rights and the slowness of action that he believes will assure him his health.

Bob Leet too is disturbed because he believes he has tried to pursue a just course of investigation to assure a town resident his rights, but the parties have not had a respectful meeting of their minds. Mark has contacted David Slowick of the Board of Waste Mgmt.-DEP. David said when he returns from vacation, he will personally view the site.

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Memorial Day 1998
by
Margo Culley

I was born on Pearl Harbor Day, "the day that will live in infamy." I am a child marked by war, marked by *the* war. When my brothers and I were cleaning out my father's house two years ago, we found a letter he had written to me from Germany when I was two years old. Like so many others, he had left a wife and two babies to serve in the Army. But in his absence his wife, my mother, had contracted tuberculosis, was in a sanitarium, and they did not know if she would live. We babies were in the care of grandparents and an aunt who is today ninety-one years old. My father was given a compassionate leave from the service and he wrote to tell me the news on August 1st 1945:

Dear Peanut.

Your Daddy is going to be coming home to see you. The old taskmaster, the Army, is going to let him come home to the U.S.A. Now perhaps if you are a good girl we can go down to the beach someday and have one fine swim.

Be sure to mind Sissy and Gramp and be a good girl. Take care of our other little peanut like the big girl that you are. All my love, Daddy

My father did come home from the war, but my Uncle Frank, along with ten of thousands of others did not. It is those who did not come home from America's wars whom we remember today. The letter also reminds me that the men in uniform were not the only ones who gave for their country. Let us also remember the wives who stayed behind, the mothers, sisters and children also marked by the shadow and sacrifices of war, some who made the ultimate sacrifice. My mother often told me that the saddest sound she ever heard was the fog horn on the ship leaving the Brooklyn Navy Yard carrying the troops to Europe (I think it was the Queen Mary). She could hear the fog horn from her apartment in Brooklyn and she knew my father was on that ship and she did not know if she would ever see him again.

Families of Wendell also sent their men to serve in Europe and in the Pacific in the 1940s as they have sent them in every war since the Revolution. If you stroll through the cemetery behind us you will see the graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers Luther Clark, Lts. Abel Howe, Luke Osgood, Samuel Orcutt; and Capts. Silas Osgood, Jonathan Crosby, Nathan Putnam, Joseph Osgood, Lansford Armstrong, Henry Sweetzer and others whose names are too faded to read. To the Civil War Wendell sent Elijiah Williams, Elton Morey, William Leonard, George Frederick, Theodore Haskill and others. Men from the Austin, Begor, Betters, Bowen, Brown, Burkhardt, Cogswell, Day, Ellis, Haskins, Hoor, Jennison, Parent, Sandler and Taylor families served in the Great War, the war to end all wars. Men we standing here today have known and know today served in World War II and in Korea, men from the Avery, Bezio, Clark, Ellis, Goddard, Harrington, Lewis, Merchant, Powling, Pratt, Sears, Wetherby, Wirth, Noyes, Gardner, Bowen, Drozdowski, Fox, Gibbs, LaValle, Mulholland, Reed, Van Renssalear, Sabot, Sadler families and others.

Behind us is the grave of Chester Clark, Jr. who served in Vietnam and died 1974. Many others in our community bear the scars of the war in South East Asia.

As I am a child of the Second World War, and I am also a child of the Vietnam War which was the war of my brothers, my cousins, my friends and classmates. Among my first students were the Vets returning from Vietnam and today the Vietnam War is *the* war to my students whose fathers and uncles served. Perhaps because it was the war of my brothers, cousins, friends and classmates, I did everything I could in my small power to stop that war. When my brother went for his induction physical, I went along with him and stood outside the induction center with a sign that said "40,000 Americans Dead." (I can't imagine today how he permitted me to do that). I marched in candle-light processions in front of Lyndon Johnson's White House; I withheld my taxes (which the government came and took from my bank account); I was arrested at Westover Air Force Base twenty-five years ago. I feel very close to the 50,0000 names on the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, because those names could have been my brothers, my cousins, my friends and my classmates. And some of them could have been, and some of them *were* yours.

Memorial Day. To remember, to recollect. To re-member, to re-collect. The words mean to gather the pieces back together, to make whole again. Let us re-member, put the pieces back together, as individuals, as families, as a community, as a nation. Let us re-member the men who answered the call, particularly the final call. Let us re-member the mothers, wives, sisters, and children, some of whose lives were blown apart as surely as by any landmine. Today, I would like particularly to re-member the valiant men of the Massachusetts 54th—the all black regiment from our own state who fought--and mostly died-- in the Civil War, fought for freedoms they could not yet fully claim as their own. Let us re-member those other casualties of war—the Japanese Americans, many American citizens by birth, who lost homes, land, businesses, and family—when interned in detention camps in America and Canada during WWII. Let us remember those lost to wars today the world over: whether it be children in Croatia or a Bishop in Guatemala. Let us remember the victims of the wars come home to our cities and to our schoolyards: the victims of boys with guns in Bethel, Alaska; Pearl, Mississippi; West Paduch, Kentucy; Jonesboro, Arkansas and Springfield, Oregon. It will take all our collective will and all our collective courage to face the causes of these tragedies: every bit as much courage as we asked of our men at Gettyburg, at the Marne, at Normandy, at the 38th parallel, in the Meikong Delta, in the deserts of Iraq. Generations of Americans have fought and died for the freedoms of their children; *we must now disarm those children.*

But as we look around the world today, all is not bleak. Ireland—the Republic and the North—has voted for peace, voted to end one of the most intractable conflicts of our century. If peace can come to Ireland, perhaps it can come to the Middle East, to central Europe, to India and to Pakistan. Let us re-member our war dead today by recommitting ourselves to what they all fought for—peace on earth, for every day of every war is a day of infamy. Thank you.

WENDELL OLD HOME DAY

Wendell Old Home Day is scheduled for August 15, 1998. The event will open with the town parade at 10 am. Music will start at noontime featuring Annie Hassett & Gangly Hearts, Wailin' Dave & the Bluedogs, Lin Hardy & Dianne Sanabria, Johnny Moses & friends of Outerspace to name a few.

Debut of Jake Robinson and the All Stars.

There will be booth space available for arts & cratts, food vendors, tag sales, displays & demonstrations. If you have something you would like to share with the townspeople this is a great chance to do it.

Childrens games and activities will be throughout the day. The Senior Center will be open all day with a tag sale and raffles. Come by and visit.

The famous Diemand's Chicken B-B-Q will be at 5 pm. on the town common.

The committee is down to Karen Copeland (music) and myself so if you got time and energy we can use you. For any questions call Annie Diemand at 544-6111.

ALERT!! WRATS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Selectboard is desperate for volunteers to serve on a new FRIENDS OF THE WRATS Committee. This is the first year that the Highway Department is administrating WRATS, and it is a crucial transition time.

People who are interested in preserving Wendell's high standard of recycling should consider this to be the right time to get involved.

Those interested should call Margie McGinnis at the Town Offices on Tues. or Thurs. at 544-3395.

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